

# National Disability Coordination Officer Program

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# What in the world is an NDCO?



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**The NDCO Program is a national program funded to assist people with a disability access post-school education, training and subsequent employment**

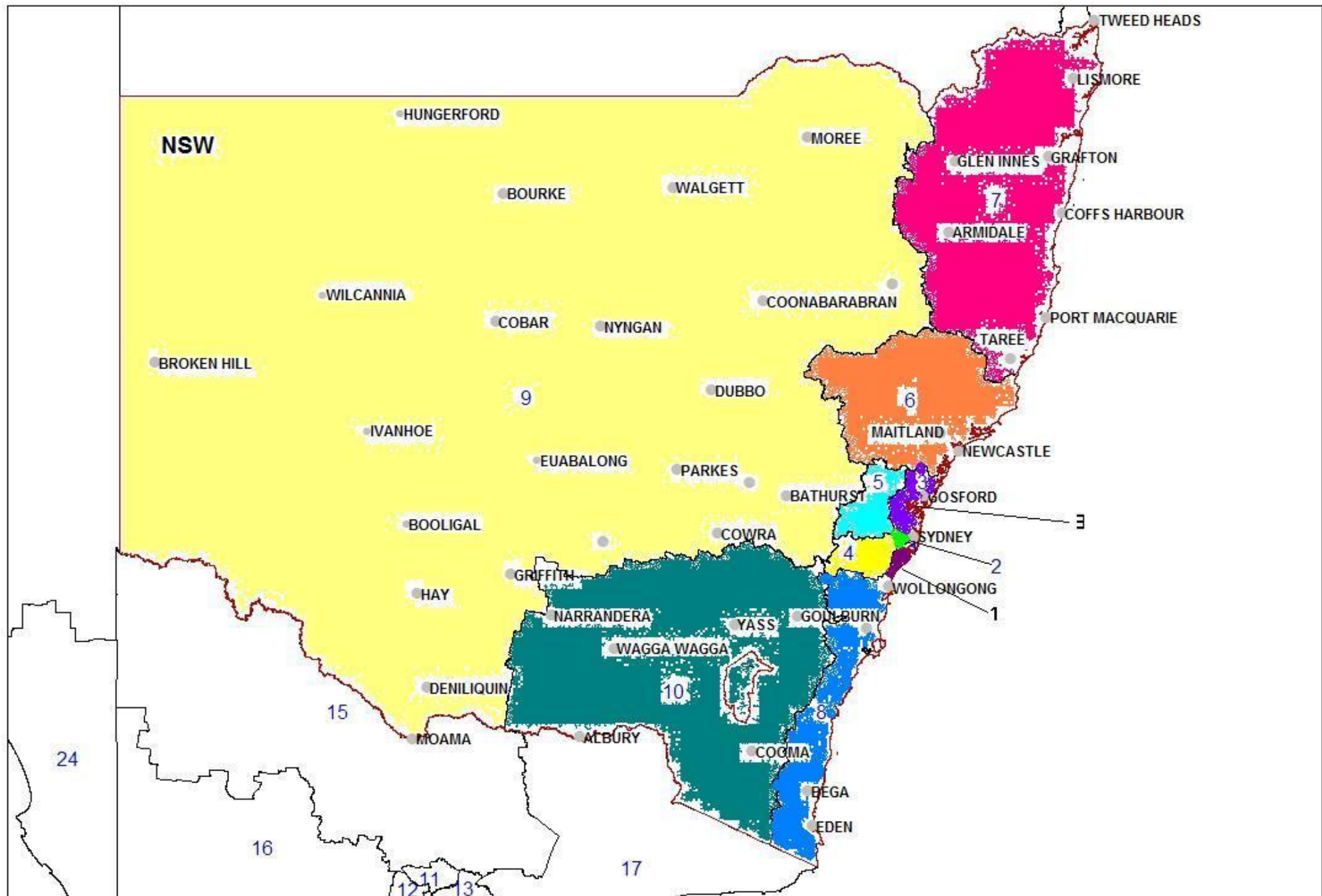


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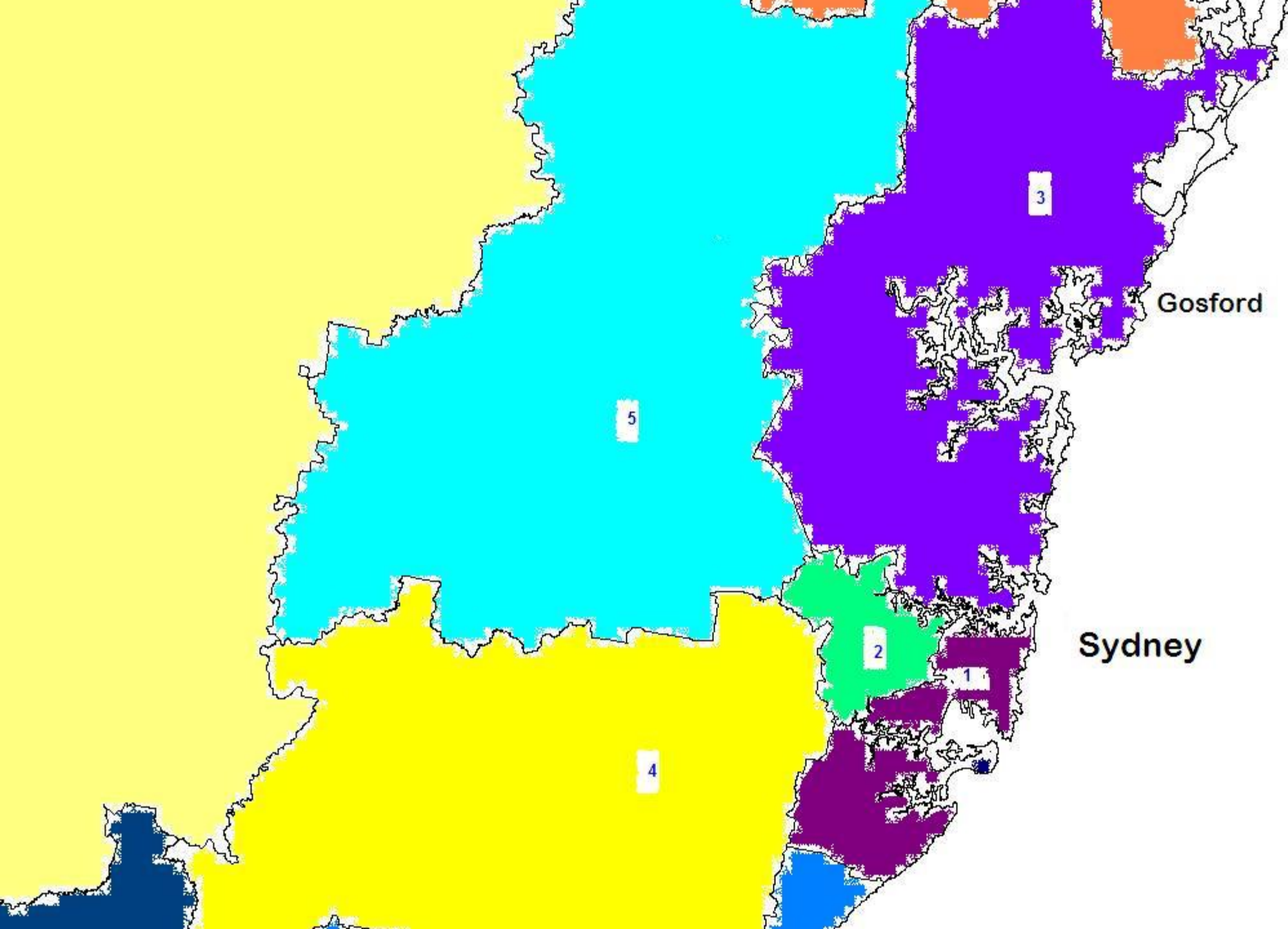


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# Our Goals

- Improve transitions
- Increase participation
- Establish better links



# Our Activities

- Information and transition planning assistance
- Referral, linkages and coordination
- Resource development and training
- Awareness raising and promotion





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# Resources



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- Home
- Who we are
- How we can help
- What is disability
- Get ready for life after school - top tips
- Education and Training after school
- Employment
- Resources, presentations and links
- Contact Us
- News and Events

Welcome to the **National Disability Coordination Officer Program** in Western Sydney  
Assisting people with a disability in to post school education training and employment



### THE PROGRAM

We offer a range of services to assist people with a disability into post school education and training and on to employment.

➤ [MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM](#)

### KEY MESSAGES

We aim to help people with a disability prepare and plan for future study and employment

- For people with a disability
- For parents
- For education professionals

➤ [MORE NDCO KEY MESSAGES](#)

### ABOUT NDCO

The NDCO program aims to

- increase participation and improve transition to post school education, training and subsequent employment for people with a disability
- establish better links so services and disability

- A comprehensive and current website providing information about transition planning, education, training and employment options and support for people with disability in Western Sydney.

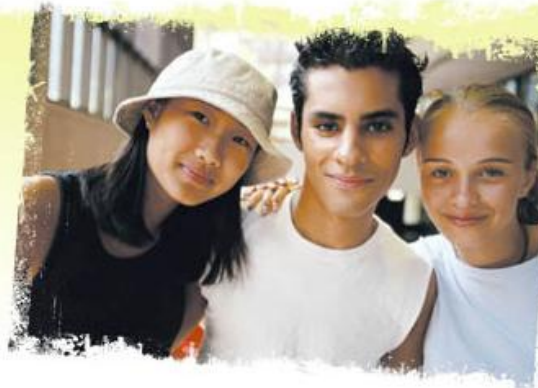
[www.uws.edu.au/ndco](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco)



## Welcome to 'Get ready for uni'

Making the move from school to university is a big change for anyone. For students with disability the change is even bigger. So how do you succeed? Prepare early, base your decisions on good information, and plan ahead for any disability supports you may need.

This information kit is a 'kick start' for high school students with disability thinking about going to uni. Below are five sections to help you prepare for uni, with tips, hints and links.



- This information kit is a 'kick start' for high school students with disability thinking about going to uni
- Contains lots of practical advice about career directions, preparing for uni and support.

[www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready)

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- Provides information about options around disclosure of disability in post secondary education and employment environments
- Also articulates the role and responsibilities of employers and educators in relation to disclosure



- Home
- Introduction for students and Employees with disabilities
- Introduction for Educators and Employers
- Post Secondary Education
- Employment
- Legislative Requirements
- Acknowledgements
- References

## Foreword

Disclosure of disability presents a number of challenges & choices for people with a disability, particularly those participating in education and employment. Choices may include 'Do I need to disclose my disability', 'when do I disclose my disability', 'how do I disclose my disability', 'what are my rights', 'do I have responsibilities when I disclose'. Employers and educators may also be challenged in relation to their role and responsibilities when a person discloses their disability.

'**Choosing Your Path. Disclosure: It's A Personal Decision**' addresses these challenges for people with disabilities, employers and educators. The website provides substantial information about options and pathways that people with disabilities can use in disclosing their disability in post secondary education and employment environments. The website also articulates the role and responsibilities of employers and educators in relation to disclosure.

'**Choosing Your Path. Disclosure: It's A Personal Decision**' is a web based resource.

'**Choosing Your Path. Disclosure: It's A Personal Decision**' is a collaborative project, written and funded by:



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**Any questions?**

**Contact us any time!**



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# ENHANCING THE LINKS

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